COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ABANDONMENT OF GAS SERVICE BY

ASHLAND EXPLORATION, INC., AND

BARNES TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, INC.

) CASE NO. 10038

ORDER

On October 9, 1987, Ashland Exploration, Inc., ("Ashland") and Barnes Transportation Company, Inc., ("Barnes") filed a Motion to Dismiss this case, along with an Answer and Application for Abandonment. The basis for these pleadings is that the Commission has no jurisdiction under KRS 278.485 to approve abandonment of service to customers served under that statute.

In order that the issues raised by Ashland and Barnes be fully addressed, the Commission finds that the hearing scheduled for October 20, 1987, should be continued until further ordered.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the hearing scheduled for October 20, 1987, is continued pending further Orders.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of October, 1987.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST: Vice Chairman

Executive Director

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